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SUBJECT: GUMMAN GULFSTREAM

1. JUSTON AND CHAPIN OF PAGE GULFSTREAM MET WITH BABIA
SEPT 25. LATTER SAID G AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU
TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE GULFSTREAM II WHICH WOULD BE USED
FOR PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL TO POINTS OUTSIDE OF ZAIRE. BABIA
REQUESTED TECHNICAL DATA, COST AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. PG REPS MADE TECHNICAL PRESENTATION SAID COST DELIVERED
KINSHASA WOULD BE DOLS 5,640,000 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL ON
BOARD SPARES, CREW AND MECHANICS TRAINING, CUSTOM INTERIOR
AND SERVICES RESIDENT TECH REP. FINANCING WOULD DEPEND
ON AVAILABILITY OF EXIM LOAN. DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE
SEPTEMBER 26.

3. IN MEETING WITH CHARGE SEPT 25, PG REPS SAID THEY
HAD TAKEN SOUNDINGS WITH LENZ OF EXIM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
LENZ REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE
REPLACEMENT OF ENTIRE FIRST CLASS SECTION OF AIR ZAIRE
DC-10 WITH VIP-KIT THEREBY PERMANENTLY REDUCING PAYLOAD
OF AIRCRAFT. WITH DC-10 AVAILABLE, HE REPORTEDLY
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QUESTIONED NEED FOR GULFSTREAM FOR VIP FLIGHTS.

4. DIRGEN WALLACE OF AIR ZAIRE CONFIRMED AIR ZAIRE HAD PURCHASED REMOVABLE VIP KIT FOR DC-10. HOWEVER, WHEN PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS TOLD HOW LONG AIRCRAFT WOULD BE OUT OF COMMERCIAL SERVICE FOR INSTALLATION, HE DECIDED TO GO TO US BY SHIP INSTEAD. WALLACE SAID DC-10 WAS IN REGULAR COMMERCIAL SERVICE WITH NORMAL CONFIGURATION.

5. COMMENT: WHILE PRESIDENT MOBUTU WILL DOUBTLESS CONTINUE TO USE WIDE-BODIED AIR ZAIRE AIRCRAFT FOR STATE VISITS BELIEVE GULFSTREAM II FOR PRIVATE VISITS TO EUROPE OR AFRICA WOULD BE MOST COST EFFECTIVE THAN PRESENT PRACTICE WITHDRAWING LARGER COMMERCIAL PLANES FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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